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Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee Public Hearing

Thursday, April 2, 2015

Connecticut Association of Health Plans

**Testimony in Support of Resolution Confirming the Nomination of Katharine L. Wade, of
Simsbury to be Commissioner of Insurance**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans is pleased to support the nomination of Katharine Wade as Commissioner of Insurance.

As you know, the Commissioner's role in Connecticut is unique in the United States: Combining the Department's primary and compelling mandate to actively protect consumers with ensuring the financial solvency of Connecticut's insurance industry, unequalled in its impact on the state's economy and job market.

Ms. Wade's background, extraordinary growth in professional responsibilities over many years with one of the state's largest and most respected insurers, a national reputation among regulators through her important work with the NAIC, her work with newly developing international supervisory colleges, and, frankly, her early roles at CIGNA, where she dealt every day with the consumer problems and issues that arose during the earlier days of managed care, all add up to what we feel is a candidate uniquely qualified to serve as Commissioner.

There is no doubt that we will have our disagreements with Commissioner Wade - we invariably find ourselves in different positions on issues with the Department, but we feel very confident that we will be treated fairly and heard by her Department, and we fully support her nomination.